



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

PATENT APPLICATION FOR "Refrigerant Copper Line Protector"

INVENTOR: Marvin LaCoste

Serial Number: 10/618909

Filed: July 14, 2003

Attorney Docket No. A00250US(N1653.35)

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**PETITION TO MAKE AN APPLICATION SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)**

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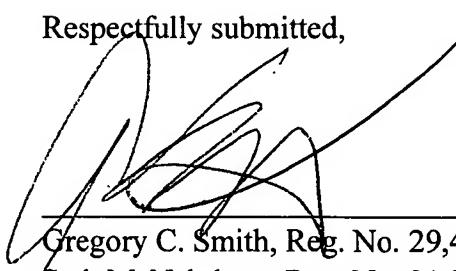
Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to make the above-referenced application special under 37 CFR §1.102(c) and the Manual of Patent Examinations § 708.02 based on applicant's age at the time of filing the application; being over 65 years.

This statement is supported by Exhibit A where an applicant attests to his age being over 65.

Applicant is also submitting an Information Disclosure Statement, together with patents cited in the statement, for the record.

Respectfully submitted,



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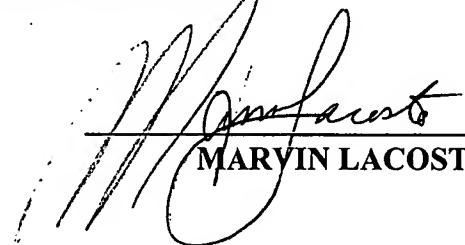
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**EXHIBIT A -- ATTESTAMENT TO AGE OVER 65**

I, Marvin Lacoste, hereby state, that at the time of signing this document, I am over 65 years of age.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

  
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